

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-10, and 12 are now pending in this application for which applicants seek reconsideration.

Amendment

Claims 1, 10, and 12 have been amended in order to better define the present invention. Claim 9 has been cancelled.

Art Rejection

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Rajan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,633,910.) Since claim 9 has been cancelled, this rejection is no longer applicable.

Claims 1, 3-8, 10, and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rajan et al. in view of Hiraiwa (U.S. Patent App. Pub. 2002/0023068.) Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Regarding claims 1, 10, and 12, Hiraiwa et al. fails to disclose "the update contents extracted between the immediately preceding output timing and the present output timing are sequentially added to the notification content," as claimed. Specifically, Hiraiwa et al. discloses a system in which a table tracks when documents are updated in order to improve web robot efficiency (see Figs. 3-5 and accompanying description.) At best, the system of Hiraiwa et al. tracks the date and time a document is updated, but says nothing about sequentially adding an update content, e.g. a difference between the previous version of the document and the new version of the document, to a notification content in a sequential manner, as is required by the above limitation. Rajan et al. cannot make up for this deficiency, as the examiner has already acknowledged that Rajan et al. fails to disclose this element of the claim. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the above rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims 1, 3-8, 10, and 12 patentably distinguish over the applied references and are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicants urge the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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